

There are aspects of this idea that intrigue me, but I'm not convinced that it would be to everyone's benefit.

I appreciate the frustration of not being able to use licensed radio privileges in another country. However, sympathy does not justify the dangerous precedent this change would set.

Sharing part of the amateur radio spectrum with my friends and family would be both fun and convenient. It could even serve as an attractive introduction to amateur radio. However, the disparate operating styles of the two services would probably clash, causing confusion and disruption on that part of the band.

This allocation would probably facilitate and encourage "pirate" operation in that band, just as the FRS/GMRS fiasco is demonstrating today. I do not believe that the FCC has either the resources or the will to enforce proper operation in that band, again, as demonstrated by GMRS. While amateur radio operators have the authority to police themselves, I doubt the FCC would sanction them to police the PMR users. Nor should they.

No, as attractive as the idea might seem on the surface, I believe it would create far more problems than it would solve.